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Washington, D.C. 20554

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Measuring Broadband America Program (Fixed Collaborative), GN Docket No. 12-264

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 18, 2015, representatives of broadband providers, public interest groups, companies, and other organizations met in person and via conference call with Commission staff to discuss schedules and milestones of the fixed Measuring Broadband America (MBA) efforts.¹

Mr. Walter Johnston, Chief Electromagnetic Compatibility Division (EMCD), and James Miller, Senior Attorney Advisor welcomed collaborative members. Mr. Johnston announced the agenda for the meeting to discuss the status of the fixed report release; September measurement collection status and pending work items; 2015-2016 Code of Conduct; collection anomaly policy; video streaming status; and NCSU IAA Team Announcement.

Mr. Johnston discussed that the drafting of the 2015 MBA report was complete and being reviewed by senior management and would be available for release after the completion of management's review. He indicated that the introduction of new consistency of speed metric charts, five-year longitudinal charts, and data binning of performance results may have contributed to the longer than usual timeline for the report.

Mr. Johnston introduced Sam Crawford, CTO SamKnows Ltd. to discuss ongoing analysis of data collection anomalies detected in certain of the measurement server backend. He discussed that anomalies in data collected on the Measurement Lab platform had been detected for very high speed connections. Mr. Johnston introduced Collin Anderson, Measurement Lab, to discuss work by Measurement Lab to research and address the source of the anomalies. Mr. Anderson discussed recent upgrades and expansions to the Measurement Lab infrastructure. Mr. Johnston

¹ A list of attendees and presentation materials are attached to this filing in GN Docket No. 12-264.

discussed the policy articulated in the August 2013 *ex parte*² and on the Measuring Broadband America Program web page³ regarding “short month” collections for anomalies impacting less than one-weeks of data and the extension of collections where disruptions to data collection exceed a week. He indicated that both FCC and Samknows staff were following data collection anomalies closely and would hold follow up meetings in the future as more information becomes available. He also noted that these policies had been successfully applied in the past and therefore had confidence we would successfully complete data collection effort.

Mr. Miller circulated a draft of the 2015-2016 Code of Conduct encouraged participants to send copies of completed agreements in advance of the September 2015 fixed data collection.

Mr. Miller thanked all the participants for their active participation in these meetings and encouraged participants to look for an invitation to an upcoming meeting via the collaborative distribution list in the coming weeks. Mr. Johnston thanked participants for their attendance and closed the meeting.

Sincerely,

/s/ James Miller

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² August 13, 2013 *Ex Parte* Letter, GN Docket No. 12264, *available at* <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/view?id=7520939594>.

³ FCC, Measuring Broadband America Program Fixed Data Collection Policy, *available at* <https://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/measuring-broadband-america-measuring-fixed-broadband>.